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In Reply Refer To: 017-A(BFN)T 017 MA 202 F0166 01L I-17, Indian School Road Interchange Air Quality Conformity Determination

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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) received your request dated May 9, 2019, for a project-level air quality conformity determination for the Interstate 17 (I-17), Indian School Road Traffic Interchange project [017-A(BFN)T, 017 MA 202 F0166 01L]. The purpose of the project is to reduce congestion and enhance regional mobility by reconstructing the I-17/Indian School Interchange to add a third level roadway to accommodate eastbound and westbound through traffic on Indian School Road without going through the existing frontage road traffic signals.

The project is located in the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) planning boundary, which is an area designated nonattainment for Particulate Matter (PM10) and Ozone and is designated as a maintenance area for Carbon Monoxide (CO). PM10 and CO are subject to project level conformity requirements under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

As stated in your letter the project is included in the regional conformity analysis conducted by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) for the MAG 2040 Regional Transportation Plan and FY2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which was approved on February 7, 2019. On March 27, 2019, FHWA reviewed the initial project of air quality concern analysis and found it to be consistent with the guidance in 40 CFR 93.123 and concurred that the documentation was ready for the interagency consultation process described in 40 CFR 93.105. The May 9, 2019 submittal included additional information that was reviewed and comments were resolved on June 13, 2019.

Based on our review of the air quality analysis and interagency consultation information provided by ADOT, regarding this project and the scope of work, FHWA is making the determination that this project meets the air quality conformity requirements. If there are any questions on this determination, please contact Alan Hansen at 602-382-8964 or alan.hansen@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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